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The Hon. Chief Minister of Madras,
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Sub:- Rural Development - Communications - Erections of bridge across Sitanadi river Near Marabina Ferry, Barkur, Udipi Taluk, S. Kanara.

Sir,

Barkur Centre of Bazaar is situated at two miles north of Brahmavar of Udipi Taluk, S. Kanara District and Sitanadi river decides these two places. Brahmavar is one mile south of the Sitanadi River.

The river Sitanadi branches into two at about 400 yards west of the Marabina Ferry. The Northern branch touching Barkur is deeper and cannot be crossed even during low tide without the boat. whereas the southern streamlet could be crossed during the low time without a boat. The southern side though shallow during the low tide neither the boat could ply nor women and children could cross conviently at all times. More so in the case of women with small babies and bundles of clothes to carry across have to tug up their Sarees to avoid drenching in salt water.. And these scenes almost outrage the modesty of the rural women folks.

But during the monsoon more specially during Floods it is dangerous to cross as the distance the boat has to cover during floods is 1¼ miles. Besides the river on either sides is a low lying land and during heavy rains it gets flooded. Moreover in between the ferry point a large area is open on both sides and when wind blows it affects the boats that ply on the river and becomes most dangerous for passengers and the boat men although the Ferry Contractor at such times employs two men for each of his boats.

The river serves a surrounding area of about 50 villages and Twenty five villages on the North and Ea